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TOWARD POLAND

1. SUMMARY: PROFESSOR PAWEL BOZYK, REPUTEDLY THE ECONOMIC ADVISOR MOST INFLUENTIAL WITH PARTY LEADERS, DISCUSSED THE POLISH AND U.S. ECONOMIC OUTLOOKS AT LENGTH WITH EMBOFFS ON MAY 5. BOZYK GAVE A CONFIDENT EXPLANATION OF POLAND'S NEW ECONOMIC POLICY ESTABLISHED BY THE FIFTH PLENUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN DECEMBER 1976 AND SHOWED HIMSELF TO BE WELL INFORMED ON THE ECONOMIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES OF THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH ADMINISTRATION POLICY TOWARD WESTERN EUROPE WAS BECOMING CLEARER, HE HAD NOT SEEN A HIGH-LEVEL STATEMENT ON POLICY TOWARD EASTERN EUROPE. BOZYK THOUGH SUCH A STATEMENT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF POLAND'S HIGH DEGREE OF ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE WITH
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THE WEST. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFFS CALLED ON PROFESSOR BOZYK AT HIS OFFICE AT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE BUILDING ON MAY 4. BOZYK, WHO HAS BEEN WIDELY DESCRIBED BY OTHER POLISH OFFICIALS AS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO THE PARTY LEADERSHIP, OBVIOUSLY WISHED TO USE THE MEETING TO PRESENT THE GOP'S NEW ECONOMIC POLICY IN A

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FAVORABLE LIGHT AND TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S APPROACH TOWARD POLAND AND ESTERN EUROPE. HIS CONFIDENT EXPLANATIONS OF POLAND'S ECONOMIC POLICY AND ITS APPROACH TOWARD INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC INSITUTIONS ARE BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY.

3. BOZYK SEEMED WELL-INFORMED CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION'S ECONOMIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES AND REFERRED SEVERAL TIMES TO ARTICLES IN MAJOR U.S. NEWS MAGAZINES WHICH HE APPARENTLY READS REGULARLY. HE SAID THE INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION WAS AN INTERESTING CHANGE FROM THE ELECTION-CAMPAIGN EMPHASIS ON INTERNAL ISSUES. HE NOTED THE SUMMIT MEETING IN LONDON WOULD CLAFIFY EVEN FURTHER THE KIND OF RELATIONSHIP THE US WANTED WITH WESTERN EUROPE, BUT ADDED, "YOU MUSTREMEMBER THAT POLAND AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE ARE ALSO EAGER TO LEARN WHAT DIRECTION US POLICY WILL TAKE TOWARD THEM." BOZYK SAID HE HAD SEEN NO HIGH-LEVEL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY TOWARD EASTERN EUROPE.

4. BOZYK SAID HE REALIZED HIS GOVERNMENT COULD NOT USE THE WRITINGS WHICH NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI PUBLISHED ON EASTERN EUROPE BEFORE HE JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS REPRESENTING THE VIEWS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. IN PARTICULAR, HE SAID, THE BRZEZINSKI ARTICLES IN PARIS KULTURA WERE NOT "OFFICIAL". HE CHARACTERIZED THESE ARTICLES AS "VERY UNFAIR", BUT OBSERVED THAT THEY OBVIOUSLY WERE TAILORED TO THE SPECIAL AUDIENCE OF THAT PUBLICATION.

5. COMMENT: PROFESSOR BOZYK DELAYED SOME WEEKS BEFORE RECEIVING THE EMBOFFS. HE HAD OBVIOUSLY CLEARED THE MEETING WITHIN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND HAD PREPARED QUESTIONS AS WELL. THE INTEREST WHICH HE EXPRESSED IN SEEING A HIGH-LEVEL STATEMENT ON U.S. POLICY TOWARD POLAND IS A GENERAL ONE, SHARED BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY RYSZARD FRELEK (WARSAW 2447). THE SELECTION OF ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE US-POLISH ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING AND THE POZNAN FAIR AND THE STATEMENTS THEY MAY MAKE ON US POLICY WILL THEREFORE BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN IN PAST YEARS. END COMMENT.
DAVIES

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